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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE: PCT/EP99/08289
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Applicant: Koester et al.
Title: CLEAR-RINSING AGENTS FOR MACHINE DISHWASHING
Applicants' Reference: H 3540 PCT/US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the above-identified national stage application pursuant to the accompanying submission under 35 U.S.C. §371, please amend the English translation of the International Application submitted herewith, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 6 of page 1, and replace the deleted matter with the following new section headings and title of the invention:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Machine Dishwashing Rinse Agents
and Methods of Using the Same

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 3, between lines 5 and 6 thereof, please insert the following new section heading and new paragraph: